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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

BILLING-MEDEL et al.

Serial No.: 09/052,855

Art Unit: 1642

Filing Date: March 31, 1998

Examiner: N. Johnson

Title: REAGENTS AND METHODS USEFUL FOR DETECTING
DISEASES OF THE GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action in the above-referenced application, mailed February 10, 1999. The response date, with a one-month extension, falls on Thursday June 10, 1999. A one-month extension of time to respond is requested, and the fee therefor accompanies this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 18-1648 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.